

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-42 have been considered in the Office Action.

The Drawings have been objected to for incorrectly designating certain reference characters.

Claims 1-42 have been rejected under U.S.C. 35 § 102(e) as anticipated by Teo et al. U.S. Patent No. 7,293,077 (“Teo”).

Reply to Drawing Objections

Applicants have amended the specification and drawings to correct various typographical errors. In particular, applicants have amended FIGS. 7, 10 and 12 to correct reference characters associated with directory server 20, second network 22, third network 24. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the drawing objections.

Reply to §102(e) Rejections

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 15 and 29 to more particularly describe and distinctly claim the invention. Support for the claim amendments may be found in the application at least at page 12, line 7 through page 14, line 6.

In particular, amended claim 1 recites a system including a first network device coupled to a first network, the first network coupled to a second network, the first network device comprising a source address of the first network device on the second network, and a directory server coupled to a third network coupled to the second network, the directory server adapted to register the source address.

Amended claim 15 recites a system including first and second network devices coupled to a first network, the first network coupled to a second network, the first network device comprising a first source address of the first network device on the second network, the second network device comprising a second source address of the second network device on the second network, and a directory server coupled to a third network coupled to the second network, the directory server adapted to register the first and second source addresses.

Amended claim 29 recites a system including first and second network devices coupled to a first network, the first network coupled to a second network, the first network device comprising a first source address of the first network device on the ~~first~~ second network, the second computer device comprising a second source address of the second network device on the second network, and a directory server coupled to a third network coupled to the second network, the directory server adapted to register the first and second source addresses, and adapted to process requests for source addresses about registered network devices.

Teo does not describe or suggest the claimed invention. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the §102(e) rejections of claims 1, 15 and 29 be withdrawn. Because claims 2-10 depend from claim 1, claims 16-24 depend from claim 15, and claims 30-38 depend from claim 29, applicants further respectfully request that the §102(e) rejections of claims 2-10, 16-24 and 30-38 also be withdrawn

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicants submit that this application, including claims 1-10, 15-24 and 29-38, is allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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